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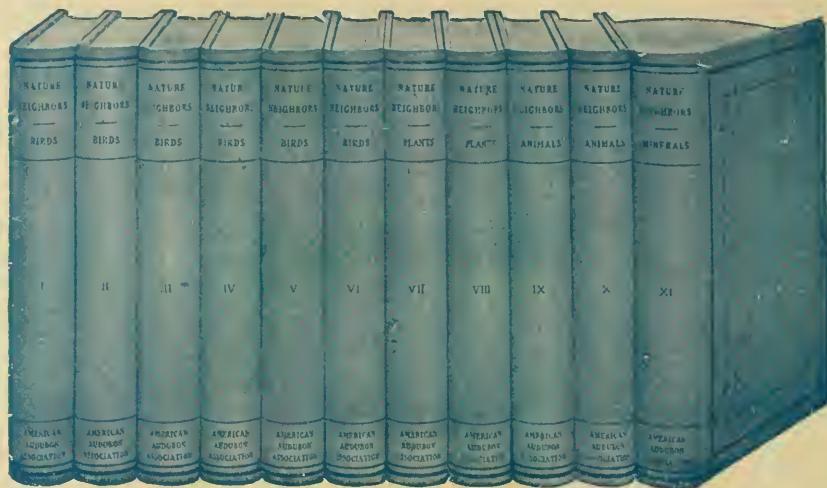
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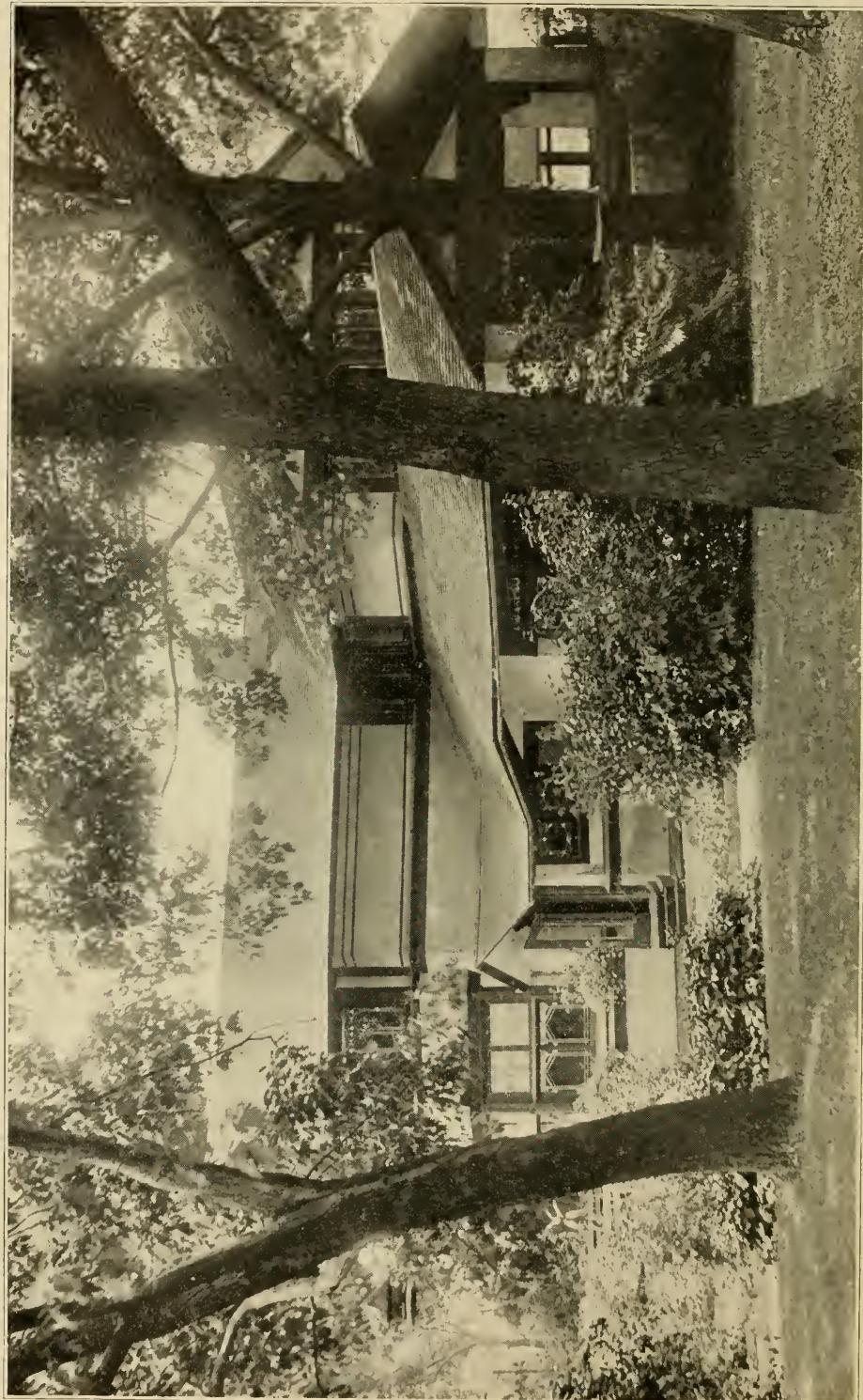


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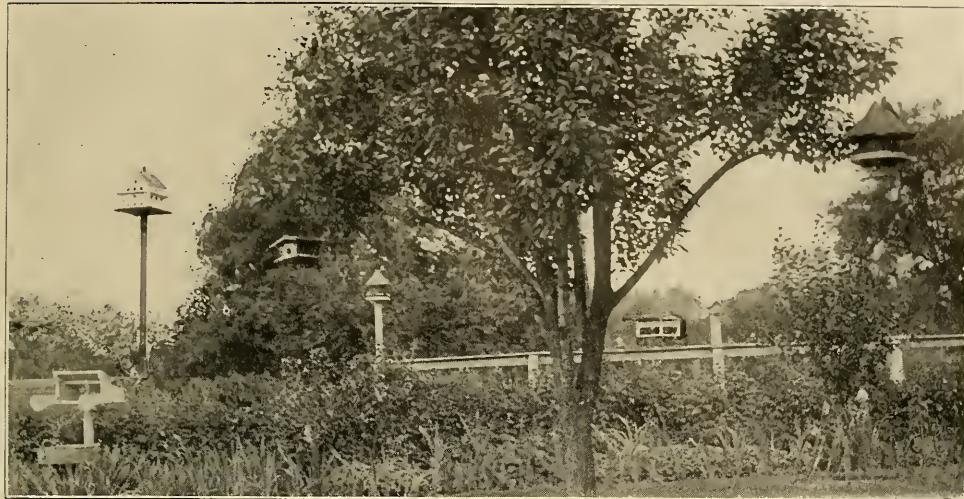


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BIRD LODGE, Home of Joseph H. Dodson, Kankakee, Illinois



Many Varieties of Birds Attracted to a Small Space

The Reason for this Book

I LOVE BIRDS—that is the reason for this little book, and everything here set down is explained by that—I love the birds. Birds have made my life happier, and I want to exert the same inspiring influence on others as they have on me. Make friends with our native birds—that is my message. The birds richly repay you for the trouble you take in attracting them and looking out for their interests.

In this booklet I am going to tell you how to attract and win birds so that the same families will return to you every year. I have done this at my former home in Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, at my farm in Michigan, at my winter home on the Isle of Pines, and at my beautiful home, Bird Lodge, here at Kankakee, which is just fifty miles south of Chicago, on the banks of the Kankakee River.

Many who have only a little patch of city garden have induced song birds to live with them by putting up Dodson Bird Houses. This is a greater achievement than helping the rich men who have many acres. The blessed little birds make no distinction between rich and poor.

No Place Too Small

The illustration above shows how many bird houses can be put in a small space, and yet be occupied by many varieties of birds. In the fifty feet square, shown in this illustration, there lived in peaceful contentment families of the Wren, Bluebird, Great Crested Fly Catcher, Tree Swallow, Oriole, and a large colony of Purple Martins.

The building of bird houses has been a hobby of mine for many years, and never has been run solely for profit. I think you will agree with me that in the end, it is a great work for good. My own work is in financial affairs and yet there is no success in my life that I value higher than my success as an architect for birds.

I tell you this because I want you, as you read my talks about bird houses, to realize that my first interest is always for the birds and bird-loving men and women, not merely to sell my own devices.



Mrs. Dodson and
Dodson Sheltered Food House
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Main Entrance to Bird Lodge

That the interest I have in birds is well known is proven by the fact that I am earnestly sought as a lecturer on our native birds by various societies and platforms all over the United States, and I gladly give my services.

There is a great difference between my houses, and the commercial bird houses that are built only to sell. My houses are designed after 40 years of loving study of birds and their habits, and how to attract them around my own home. The little niceties which the birds appreciate have been taken care of, and the interior is different. They are all carefully ventilated, and every house has a piece of red cedar in it somewhere, and a bright piece of metal on the outside, which acts as a mirror.

Time to Set Out Bird Houses

The ideal time to set out bird houses is during the fall, winter or spring. But for that matter, Dodson Houses can be set out any time, and they will be occupied.

I find that birds don't like their houses to be brand new—a little "weather beating" makes the house more natural to them. This, however, only applies the first time the houses are put out; after they are occupied once, the birds

will return year after year to the same house. Many patrons of mine have put up houses as late as June or July and still won birds, but the earlier the houses are placed, the better chance you have of getting the first comers.



Dodson Sheltered Feeding Table in Winter

Keeping Birds With You in Winter

Leave the houses up the year around. They are substantially built, made to last a man's lifetime. Many birds stay with us in the north all the year. Birds go south chiefly because they cannot get enough food during the winter in the northern states. Many species will go anyhow for love of warmth and sunshine, but a good many birds can be kept north all winter if they are provided with food. I have proven this, and after years of effort, I have perfected several designs of bird food houses and shelters which my bird friends assure me are just the thing they want most.

It has added a great deal to my pleasure to have



Lawn at Bird Lodge

the birds stay with me—some of them only a month or two longer than they used to stay, some of them all winter long. It has given me even more pleasure to know that my food shelters have saved the lives of many of our song birds. Few people realize how many birds starve during the sudden cold snaps, particularly when the snow covers the ground. I wish you would realize this; I know you would all lend a hand in feeding the birds and would teach the young folks to look out for our feathered friends. It seems to me that boys and girls of our bustling times are not taught to be so thoughtful as we used to be. This is not a peevish cry of "Those were the good old days." I believe we are going to have still better days for our song birds, because the American people are now alive to the great need we have for our native birds and the wonderful service these birds give in protecting our trees, shrubs, grains and fruits from insect life.

What to Feed Wild Song Birds

Suet is one of the most attractive and necessary foods for the birds that stay all winter. Hemp and sunflower seeds are good, and meat scraps and bread crumbs should be given at times. The birds will require very little or no attention in the matter of food during the late spring and summer, but early in the spring and in the fall and winter it is well to care for them by setting out the Dodson Sheltered Food Devices. My experience has proven to me that two feeding devices are better than one. The larger and stronger birds will drive away the smaller and weaker ones, perhaps at the very time that they need the food most.

Better Still—Feed the Birds All Year

Most of us who love birds, keep our feeding devices out all the time. It is particularly important to have them out in the spring; very often the birds come early and are endangered by a sudden cold wave or snow storm. In the spring of 1912, hundreds of Bluebirds starved to death in Illinois alone. Keep well stocked food houses, feeding shelves and baskets out all winter. They are bird life-saving stations.



Dodson Martin House
In City Back Yard



Watching the Birds on the Lawn at Bird Lodge

Trees and Shrubs that will Attract the Birds

You can encourage the birds to your place by planting the shrubs and trees that they like.

The shrubs and trees enumerated here provide food in abundance for the birds and plantings of these beautiful, growing trees and shrubs are recommended. I have spent practically a life time collecting these varieties.

These shrubs are all hardy, and are really more beautiful than any other shrubs for the reason that they have first the bud, then the flowers, and then the berry. The varieties are so varied that they furnish a complete supply of food for the birds, practically the year around. All of these shrubs and trees will thrive generally throughout the United States.

TREES

<i>Celtis</i> —Hackberry.	<i>Pyrus</i> —Flowering Crab, Bechtel's.
<i>Crataegus</i> —Thorn in numerous varieties.	<i>Pyrus</i> —Flowering Crab, Japanese.
<i>Morus</i> —Russian Mulberry.	<i>Pyrus</i> — <i>Baccata</i> , or <i>Pyrus Malus Baccata</i> .
<i>Prunus Padus</i> —European Bird Cherry.	<i>Prunus Pennsylvanica</i> —Pin Cherry.
<i>Prunus Virginiana</i> —Choke Cherry.	<i>Prunus Serotina</i> —Wild Black Cherry.
<i>Celastrus scandens</i> —Bittersweet (Vine).	

SHRUBS

<i>Amelanchier</i> —June Berry, American.	<i>Viburnum</i> —Arrow-Wood.
<i>Amelanchier</i> —June Berry, European.	<i>Viburnum</i> —High Bush Cranberry.
<i>Berberis</i> —Barberry, European.	<i>Viburnum</i> —Nannyberry.
<i>Berberis</i> —Barberry, Japanese.	<i>Viburnum</i> —Wayfaring Tree.
<i>Berberis</i> —Barberry, Purple Leaved.	<i>Viburnum</i> —Glossy.
<i>Cornus</i> —Dogwood, Golden Barked.	<i>Ligustrum</i> —Privet, Amur.
<i>Cornus</i> —Dogwood, Siberian.	<i>Ligustrum</i> —Privet, Ibotia.
<i>Elaeagnus</i> —Oleaster or Wild Olive.	<i>Ligustrum</i> —Privet—Prostrate.
<i>Euonymus</i> —Strawberry, Tree American.	<i>Lonicera</i> —Honeysuckle, Bella.
<i>Euonymus</i> —Strawberry Tree, Japanese Winged.	<i>Lonicera</i> —Honeysuckle, Morrow's.
<i>Ribes</i> —Currant, Golden Flowering.	<i>Lonicera</i> —Honeysuckle, Tartarian.
<i>Ribes</i> —Currant, Gordan's Red Flowering.	<i>Lycium</i> —Matrimony Vine.
<i>Ribes</i> —Currant, Wild Black.	<i>Rhamus</i> —Buckthorn, Black.
<i>Rosa rugosa</i> , Japanese Rose.	<i>Rhamus</i> —Buckthorn, Adler.
<i>Sambucus</i> , Elder, Cut Leaved.	<i>Rhus</i> —Sumach, Smooth.
<i>Sambucus</i> , Elder, Golden.	<i>Rhus</i> —Sumach, Staghorn.
<i>Symphoricarpos</i> —Coralberry.	<i>Hippophae Rhamnoides</i> —Sea Buckthorn.
<i>Symphoricarpos</i> —Snowberry.	<i>Shepherdia Canadensis</i> —Buffalo Berry.
<i>Symphoricarpos</i> —Wolfberry.	<i>Prunus Pumila</i> —Sand Cherry.



Dodson Bird Houses
on Village Street

Birds You Can Win to Live With You

The houses, shelters and shelter shelves (or "invitations to nest," as I call them) I build and sell are particularly designed for Purple Martins,



Bird Lodge, a Bird Sanctuary, on the Kankakee River

Bluebirds, Wrens, Flickers, or Golden Winged Woodpecker, White Bellied or Tree Swallows, Chickadees, Nuthatches and Fly Catchers. This is because these birds are the most easily attracted to man-made houses. They are, also, among the most valuable, most sociable and most delightful of all birds.

There are dozens of other birds, however, which are won to you by setting out the Dodson Bird Houses. Among the three or four hundred birds which live in my garden here, there are Robins, Scarlet Tanagers, Orioles, Red Cardinals, Cat Birds, Brown Thrashers, Warblers, Flickers, Rose Breasted Grosbeaks, Humming Birds, Juncos, Song Sparrows, Wood Thrushes, Vireos, Cedar Wax Wings, Downey and Red-Headed Woodpeckers and many others. They insist upon building their own nests, some of these fellows, but they benefit by my bird baths, and many build nests on my Shelter Shelves, or "invitations to nest," as I call them.

They know they are welcome, know that they are protected from the English Sparrow and the cat. They like to live near the other birds; and they are all welcome—all except the English Sparrow, who has forfeited all rights by his mean, quarrelsome selfishness, his uselessness to man and his uncleanness. For love of native birds, I banish the English Sparrow.

The charm and value of the Purple Martin is emphasized by the contentment and happiness and the community interest evidenced by these birds of industrious habits. Martins live in colonies and are encouraged by the placing of Colony Houses.

Houses Must be Right

A number of little things that seem unimportant to man, I have found are essential in making bird houses successful.

Many of my bird-loving friends have been bitterly disappointed in the commercial bird houses. My houses are all built under my personal supervision, so that I know that these little details are attended to.

The winning of our Native Birds is possible alike to the dweller in the most humble cottage, or the owner of a country estate with most spacious grounds. In this, birds are simple respecters. Offer



Dodson Bird Houses Blend into Natural Surroundings



Birds Are Quite Tame at Bird Lodge

them a place in which are embodied those things that they desire, and they will come to you.

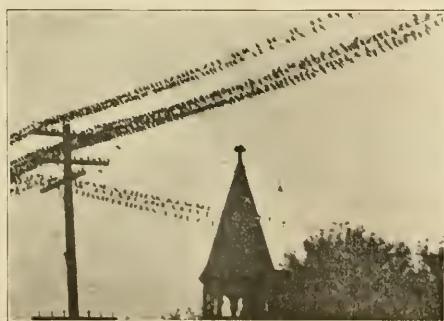
Your previous attempt in winning birds to come home with you, if unsuccessful, was because of little things that have not been incorporated into their houses. That is the reason you are safe when you buy Dodson Bird Houses. You are bound to win the birds, for Dodson Bird Houses are built after the most exacting study and embody the little things that are essential in providing them a shelter in which they will make their home, and raise their broods.

Here in Kankakee I have from 300 to 400 birds living with me every summer. I have birds at my Michigan farm and birds at my home on the Isle of Pines. These birds live with us and are our friends. I want other birds to live with you and be your friends. I am willing and anxious to help you attract them. It will not be necessary to teach you to love them, for you just can't help it.

Give the Birds a Chance

Get some Dodson Bird Houses and have more friends with wings. Give the birds a chance; I promise they will be a factor of joy in your life. I have always been interested in birds; even when a boy I built Wren, Martin and Bluebird houses, and then studied their habits. They are so interesting.

Talk about the busy bee, why, it is not in it when it comes to mother Martin feeding her four young ones. It is too amusing for anything to see their mouths wide open. The mother starts feeding with No. 1 and with careful rotation No. 2 is fed next; then No. 3, and when No. 4's turn comes its mouth is surely wide open. After it has been fed the mother will start all over again with No. 1 which, by the way, is always the smallest and weakest bird. How do I know this? Because I watch them with powerful binoculars which bring them up so close that I can see every move they make.



Several Colonies of Martins Gathered for a Trip South

Dodson Bird Houses are built as a result of years of interesting study and observation, of carefully selected materials, built strongly so as to endure against time, with all the little niceties



Joseph H. Dodson, Bird Lover, in His Study

that experience has determined to be essential, if they are truly to be homes for our feathered friends.

Now, in the first place you can't have birds unless you prepare for them—by that I mean, erect houses, shelters and shelter shelves, or "invitations to nest." This is absolutely necessary, and the houses should be so erected that the birds will be in the least danger of being annoyed. There are enough things that can happen to them without the location of the houses being wrong. After these houses are put up properly and occupied, as they surely will be, then the birds must be protected from their natural enemies—cats, English Sparrows, and squirrels.

My Houses Bring the Birds Back to You Year after Year

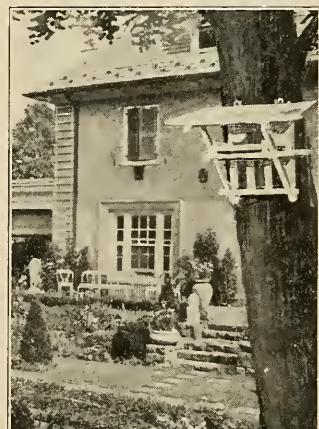
Besides being built for the true purpose of attracting the birds, these Dodson Bird Houses are well put together and made of selected materials in order to resist the action of the elements.

Only selected first class wood, thoroughly seasoned, is used in the construction of my houses. Years of experience have proven just what woods are most suitable for the different shapes of houses. The demand for the different artistic shapes necessitates that they be made of varied woods most suitable to the designs. Red Cedar, Cypress, and selected White Pine, enter into their construction. The nails and cleats holding them together are thoroughly coated so as to resist rust.

With Dodson Bird Houses, you are sure of the birds returning to you each season, as they will do when their houses are permanent, for Dodson Houses are built to last a man's lifetime.

Skilled mechanics, and not boys, put these Dodson Houses together, and if you are to be successful in keeping the birds on your place year after year, your houses must be permanent in character.

Dodson Bird Houses are painted in accordance with hues that naturally attract our feathered friends. Only the best oil colors are used to bring these houses to a state of perfected beauty.



Robin Nesting on a Dodson Sheltered Shelf



The "Factory" where Dodson Bird Houses are Made

Properly Ventilated and Provided for Cleaning

One of the factors that must be right before the birds will take up their home in a man-made house, is the matter of ventilation. I have spent many days and months in experimenting with this phase of bird life and bird attraction. My keenest observation finally led me to the importance of this seeming detail, ventilation.

In designing and constructing these houses, I have never lost sight of the importance of scientifically harmonizing with the natural instinct and incentive of the birds for fresh air. Our Bird Friends do not like fresh air admitted through cracks, as they insist on their houses being dry and free from drafts. To afford proper ventilation and yet offer a shelter free from drafts, is a scientific detail wrung from Nature's garden and found in every Dodson Bird House.

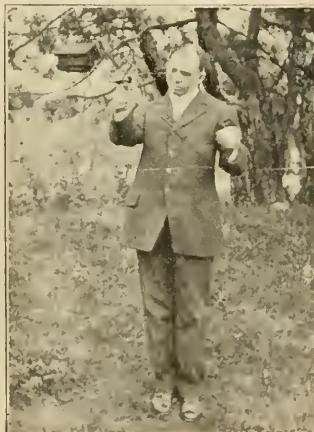
Little Things that Birds Like

Among other minutiae that the birds are attracted by is a bit of red cedar. Whether it is the aromatic quality of this wood or whether it is pleasing to them in some other way, I have been unable to determine, but they are won by it, and a bit of it is included in every Dodson House.

They are also attracted to a home by something shiny or bright. Strange to say, the placing of this bit of brightness is a nicety determined only after years of observation, and for that reason a small piece of shiny metal, non-corrodible, acting as a mirror, is made part of each Dodson House.

The size of opening is a determining element and has much to do with the contentment of the birds, for when just the right size, the house can be well defended by the inmates against their many foes. This trivial detail is of large moment to the Birds.

Such apparent trivialities as painting, even the inside of the house, or sills, I have found will militate against its ready occupancy. "**Perfection is no trifile, but trifles make perfection.**"

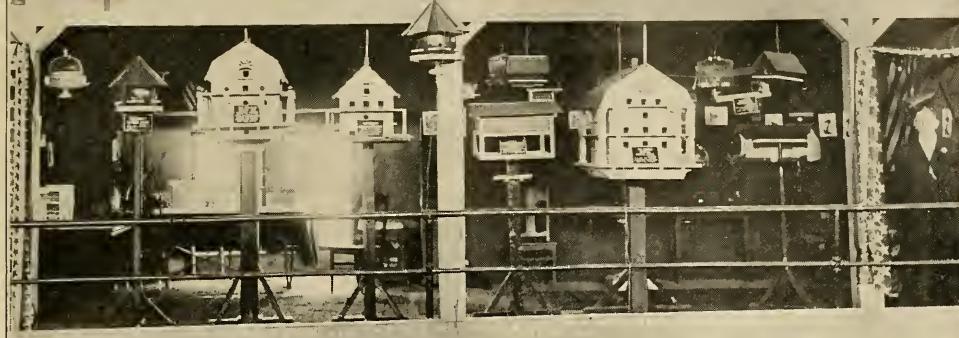


Bird Study at Close Range



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BIRD HOUSES *and*
SPARROW TRAPS



Dodson Exhibits Always a Great Attraction

Dodson Wren and Bluebird Houses Built with Four Compartments

Wrens and Bluebirds can be attracted by houses carefully designed to meet their simple but very definite requirements. When it comes to retaining them, close study reveals an important point to be covered. These birds rarely, if ever, raise a second brood in the same nest, the same season. Wrens raise two broods each year; Bluebirds two and often three broods, and they always start to build the new nest before the young can fly.

If a single compartment house is provided, either Wrens or Bluebirds are sure to desert you as soon as the first brood can fly. For this reason, the Dodson Wren house and the Dodson Bluebird House are built with four compartments in each.

The birds move from one compartment to another, and so one house satisfies a family of birds, not merely one year, but year after year. By banding my birds I have proven that the same ones return to me every spring. At the same time I continually add to my colony; the birds tell their friends about me, I'm sure.

Often two families of Wrens occupy one house. I build the house large enough to prevent the quarrels that crowded quarters often inspire. One of my Wren houses has been occupied every summer for twelve years and I am positive that the tenants are all of the same family which "took the house" twelve years ago.

Birds Will Revel in My Bird Baths

A further inducement that attracts bird tenants, keeps them happy and provides endless amusement, is one of my bird baths (which, by the way, are the only practical bird baths manufactured).

It must be kept clean and have fresh water every day during the hot weather. A bird bath helps to attract the wild birds more than any other thing, after the bird houses are up. The bath should be placed out in the open, for if it is near the trees or shrubs, the birds will shun it, fearing their old enemy, the cat.



Great Crested Fly Catcher
House an Ornament

It is extremely interesting to watch the birds bathe. Almost any afternoon we can see ten or fifteen different varieties standing on the edge of our bird baths, waiting their turn. Rarely two go into the bath at the same time. One will bathe, fly up in the trees, and preen its feathers while another takes its place.

One day last summer there were fifteen or more birds in and around one of the baths—a Scarlet Tanager, Brown Thrasher, Red Cardinal, Bluebird, Wren, Cat Bird, Flicker, Gold Finch, Black Bird, Great Crested Flycatcher, Tree or White Bellied Swallow, Baltimore Oriole, several kinds of Warblers, Rose Breasted Grosbeak, Junco, and Red Headed Woodpecker.

Song Birds Save Millions of Dollars Every Year

I have been talking to you first about winning birds for the beauty and tenderness they add to our lives. It is really a great joy and one that renews itself every year; it becomes a source of greater and greater pleasure every year to live with the birds. I loved and worked for the birds for many years before I appreciated their great value to the world as protectors God-sent, against the devouring insects. Now I am going to place before you briefly a few facts of tremendous importance.

The native birds of America are worth millions upon millions of dollars yearly in the service they give by destroying insect life and thereby protecting, in a measure, our grains and our fruit trees.

The loss to this country through the destructive work of insects has been variously estimated by students of the subject to be certainly more than \$400,000,000, and by some authorities to be as high as \$800,000,000 a year. The codling moth and curelio apple pest cost us \$12,000,000 a year in the reduced value of the apple crop and more than \$8,000,000 a year in the cost of spraying the trees to keep them from destroying even more. The chinch bug reduces the value of our annual wheat crop about \$20,000,000 a year, and the cottonboll-weevil cuts a good \$20,000,000 a year out of the value of this country's cotton crop. These are only a few of the leading insect pests.

The records of the United States Biological Survey show that the green leaf louse, a very destructive insect, multiplies at the rate of ten sextillion to the pair in one season. The potato bug, another expensive pest, does not reproduce so rapidly. One pair multiplies to from 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 in one season. Authorities state that if unchecked, the natural increase of the gypsy moth would in eight years result in the defoliation of all the trees in this country.

Birds are Natural Protectors

Nature gave us birds as a natural combative force against the ravages of insects. We imported the English Sparrow—that was not Nature's fault. We should rectify our error, drive out the English Sparrow, work together and bring back our native song bids. Let me quote you a few figures gathered from the reports of the United States Government Scientists.

"By far the most efficient aids to man in controlling the codling moth are the birds."—Year Book (1911) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

It has been shown that the codling moth does more damage to apples and pears than all other insects combined. Thirty-six species of birds attack this insect. In some localities the birds destroy from 66% to 85% of the hibernating larvae of these insects. More than 50 species of birds feed upon caterpillars and 36 species live largely upon destructive plant lice.

Professor Edward Howe Forbush, State Ornithologist of Massachusetts, states that a single Yellow-Throated Warbler will consume 10,000 tree lice in a day. A Scarlet Tanager has been closely watched and seen to devour gypsy moths at the rate of 35 a minute for 18 minutes at a time. He also reports seeing

a pair of Grosbeaks visit their nest 450 times in eleven hours, carrying to their young two or more larvae at a time.

One of the reports of the Biological Survey records finding 60 grasshoppers in the crop of one Night Hawk and 500 mosquitoes in another; 30 cut worms in the crop of a Black Bird; 70 canker worms in the crop of a Cedar Bird. I myself, at one time had the stomach of a female Martin, which had been shot by a boy, carefully examined and it contained nearly 2,000 mosquitoes, a large number of house flies, May-rose and striped cucumber beetles and several other kinds of insects. It is simply amazing to one who has not made a close study of the subject, what a tremendous amount of good work in destroying insects is accomplished by our native birds.

Birds Save Trees

I never have to spray the fruit trees at my place here, and I attribute this altogether to the protection my birds give to my trees. The Purple Martin is recognized as one of the most useful birds in the fight against insect life.

There Can Be Only One "Best"

What is real and right, is worthy of the deepest consideration on the part of the critical public that buys Bird Houses. Those lovers of Nature that are in tune with the beauties of Bird Life cannot conceive of an article even approaching an imitation of the best. The original creator of Bird Houses in this country is Joseph H. Dodson. I sought my work through the love of it, and through the love of my work, have been sought by others. The list of my patrons is a veritable Blue-book not only of the financial elite of America, but also an index of the bird lovers of this country.

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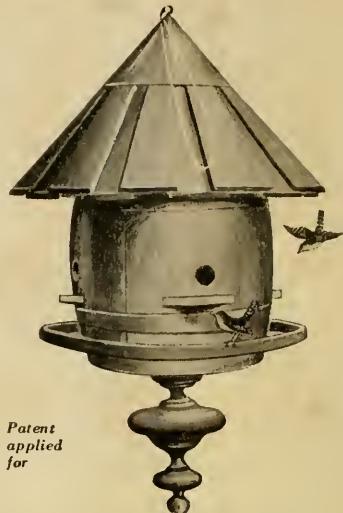
Dodson Hanging Bluebird House

This is a novelty, and, in a way, experimental. Bluebirds do not take readily to a hanging house, and yet, after experimenting, I have been successful in designing this house, the only form of hanging house that I have ever known Bluebirds to take to. While not as successful as my other form of Bluebird house, Bluebirds will come to it.

This house is built without any projecting point on which other birds can cling, consequently is fortified against the English Sparrows. It has four compartments, and is arranged for cleaning and ventilation.

This house is made of selected fir with cypress shingle roof, and a copper coping. It should be suspended from the limb of a tree close to the trunk or some other form of support, not more than 15 or 20 feet above the ground. It is 21 inches high and 16 inches in diameter.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$7.00.
Shipping weight 30 pounds.



Patent applied for

Dodson Wren House

Here is a very successful type of Wren house, built of selected fir with a roof of cypress, with copper coping.

This is a 4-compartment house, and satisfies the habits of the Wren in the change of nest for each succeeding brood.

This house is intended to be hung from the limb of a tree, or any other support, and its beautiful design permits of perfect harmony amid its natural surroundings.

Size, 28x18 inches.
Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$7.00.
Shipping weight 30 pounds.



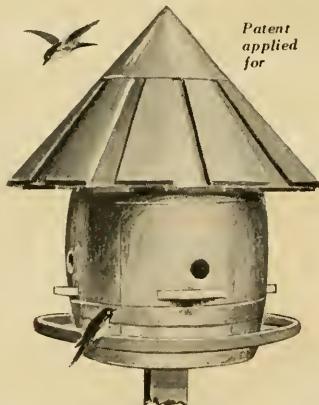
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The Dodson Observation House for Bluebirds or Wrens

This house is intended to be used by those having more than the usual interest in either Wrens or Bluebirds. One side of the house is made of glass and a wooden door is hinged against this glass side. When this door is open a view of the interior of the house and its occupants is possible and yet the birds are not disturbed. In this way an interesting study of bird life is possible.

This house is made of selected white pine. Size, 18 inches long, 9½ inches wide, 8½ inches deep. State in ordering, whether for Bluebirds or Wrens.

Price f. o. b. Kankakee, \$6.00.
Price with copper roof, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$7.00.
Shipping weight 10 pounds.



The Dodson Bluebird House

Here is one of my most successful houses. It is a 4-compartment house, and as the Bluebird changes nests for each succeeding brood, this house serves admirably the purpose for which it is designed.

It is built of selected fir, with cypress shingle roof and copper coping. Well ventilated, and arranged to be cleaned easily. This house is intended to be set on top of a pole or other support. Size, 21 inches high, 18 inches in diameter.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$7.00.
Shipping weight 30 pounds.



Patent applied for

The Dodson Purple Martin House

(Cottage Style)

Here is a 28-room Martin house, with Dodson specially constructed attic, which appeals to this bird. As the Martin is a bird that colonizes, this compartment house is particularly recommended.

This house is made of white pine, painted with two coats of pure lead and oil paint. It is properly ventilated and arranged for cleaning between seasons.

Size, 17x21 inches, with a 5-inch porch extending on all sides. Height to peak of roof, 26 inches; with an attractive flag pole 18 inches high. Dimensions over all: Height, 44 inches; width 27 inches; length 31 inches.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$18.00.
If all copper roof is desired, \$22.00.

Shipping weight 80 pounds.



Patent applied for

The Dodson Queen Anne Martin House

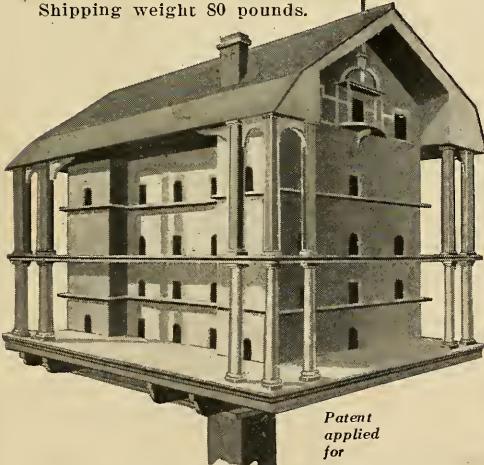
With Dodson Specially Constructed Attic)

This is a 48-room house, built of clear white pine, following architecturally the Queen Anne style. Every room is accessible and readily cleanable. This house is set on 6x6 inch easy-raising pole, which ascends through two stories.

This house is painted with two coats of pure lead and oil paint, and is 36 inches long, 26 inches wide, and its height is 38 inches. It has a 6-inch porch with turned porch columns, running all the way around.

Price, with all-copper roof and including 22-foot easy-raising pole, 6x6 inches, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$60.00.

Shipping weight 150 pounds.



Patent applied for

The Dodson Colonial Martin House

(With Dodson Specially Constructed Attic)

Here is a 56-apartment house, colonial style of architecture, built of clear white pine, with copper roof. This house has turned porch columns and paneled pilasters.

This house is set on 6x6-inch easy-raising pole. Pole enters base of house and ascends through two stories. This is a magnificent Martin house, and, erected on your place, will cause a colony of Martins to take up their abode as your neighbors.

The dimensions of this house are: 38 inches long, 26 inches wide, 44 inches high with a projecting 6-inch porch all around. Painted with two coats of pure lead and oil.

Price, all-copper roof and including 22-foot easy-raising pole, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$85.00.

Shipping weight 170 pounds.

The Purple Martin is one of the most valuable birds we have. It is so preeminently aerial that its food necessarily consists of flying insects, principal of which is the mosquito. Every Purple Martin will catch and consume on an average of two thousand mosquitoes a day and with a colony of these wonderful birds you will not have a mosquito in your vicinity.

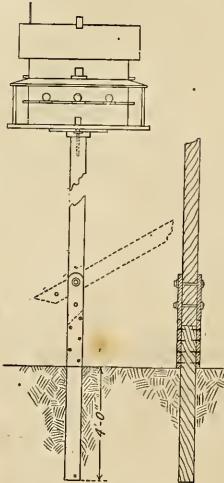
Dodson Easy-Raising Pole for Bird Houses

Here is a device that I have perfected which makes an ideal support for all the different kinds of bird houses. It is made of selected yellow pine, thoroughly painted, and is set on a self-locking appliance for raising and lowering.

Size 6x6 inches, 22 feet long, for Martin house. Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$11.00. Shipping weight 115 pounds.

Size 4x4 inches, 20 feet long, for Martin house. Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$8.00. Shipping weight 70 pounds.

Size 3x3 inches, 14 feet long, for Bluebird, Fly Catcher and Swallow houses. Price, \$7.00. Shipping weight 40 pounds.



Patent applied for



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Dodson Woodpecker House

Here is a house of simple design, yet of beautiful, pleasing appearance. This house is built of strong, 1-inch selected Norway pine, rough finished. Two coats of oil paint, colored a dark gray, render it impervious to the action of the elements.

The front of this house is hinged, so that it can be readily opened and cleaned. Size, 23 inches long, 11 inches wide and 10 inches deep.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$3.50.

*This house is also furnished with copper roof at \$4.50, f. o. b. Kankakee.

Shipping weight 15 pounds.

The Flicker is the great ant eater among our birds, and they have been known to eat as high as five thousand ants in a day, and two or three pair of these beautiful birds nesting nearby will eliminate this pest entirely from your grounds. They are also extremely valuable on the golf courses and country clubs as by consuming the ants, they do away with the ant hills on the course.



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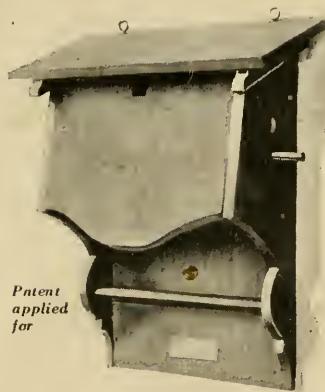
The Dodson Sexangular Flicker or Golden Winged Woodpecker House

Here is a distinctive bird house that will encourage the homing instinct of either the Flicker or Woodpecker, both desirable neighbors. Built of selected Norway pine. Roof of clear cypress shingle, with a copper coping—truly an artistic and beautiful design, ventilated and arranged with detachable bottom, so as to make the occasional cleaning easy.

This house is intended to be fastened to the trunk of a tree or other support, and due to its clever design, blends itself beautifully with its natural surroundings. Size, 26½ inches long, 12 inches wide and 11 inches deep.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$7.00.

Shipping weight 20 pounds.



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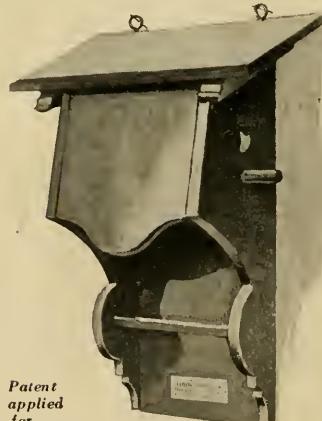
The Dodson Double Chickadee or Nut Hatch House.

Here is a cleverly designed house, intended for either of the afore-mentioned birds, built of selected white pine with hinged front, so that the occasional cleaning is made easy. It is 15 inches long, 14½ inches wide.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$3.50.

This house is also furnished with copper roof for \$4.50, f. o. b. Kankakee.

Shipping weight 7 pounds.



Patent applied for

The Dodson Single Chickadee or Nut Hatch House

Here is a very pretty, little house that will soon attract a pair of occupants.

This house is made of selected white pine with a hinged front, to make cleaning easy. It is 15 inches long, 13 inches wide.

Price f. o. b. Kankakee, \$2.00. Six for \$11.00. With all-copper roof, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$3.00 each. Shipping weight 6 pounds.



Dodson House for Great Crested Flycatcher

Here is another strikingly original design of a handsome bird house, which may also be made with two compartments for wrens or Bluebirds.

This house is built of white pine and arranged so that it can be readily cleaned. It is intended to be placed on a pole, or hung for Wrens or Bluebirds. Size, 15x11x8 inches.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$4.00.

It is also made with copper roof at \$5.00, f. o. b. Kankakee.

Shipping weight 15 pounds.



Dodson House for Tree or White Bellied Swallow

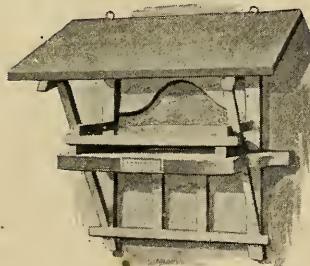
Here is a very popular house which may also be made with two compartments for Wrens or Bluebirds. Perfectly ventilated and easily cleaned.

This house is made of selected white pine. Size, 12x14x9 inches. It is intended to be placed on a pole, or hung for Wrens or Bluebirds.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$4.00.

This house is also made with copper roof for \$5.00.

Shipping weight 15 pounds.



Patent applied for

The Dodson Sheltered Shelf

(or "Invitation to Nest")

Here is a Sheltered Shelf that a number of birds will build their nests on, that will not nest on houses. By means of this Sheltered Shelf or "invitation to nest," you can win Robins, Cat Birds, Brown Thrashers, Red Cardinals and a number of other birds.

It is intended to be hung in shrubbery, or in a tree or under the eaves of a building.

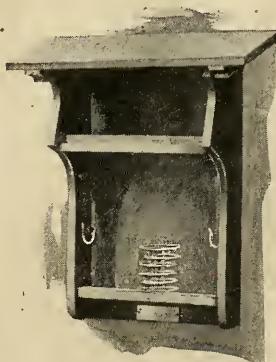
It is built so as to afford protection from a number of enemy birds, such as the crow, etc.

It is made of selected white pine, and is 14½ inches high by 14 inches wide.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$2.00.

It is also made with copper roof at \$3.00, f. o. b. Kankakee.

Shipping weight 7 pounds.



Patent applied for

The Dodson Feeding Shelf

Here is a Feeding Shelf designed in keeping with a number of my houses, and is to be fastened to a tree or hung in the shrubbery, or on the side of a building.

This shelf is equipped with automatic feeder for grain or ground food, a hook for suet and a wire feeding basket for meat scraps. Many bird lovers buy a number of these shelves and hang them up at different places among the trees or in the shrubbery.

Size, 16 inches high, 14 inches wide and has a feeding shelf 5½ inches deep.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$2.00.

It is also made with copper roof at \$3.00, f. o. b. Kankakee.

Shipping weight 7 pounds.

The Dodson Feeding Car

Patent Applied for

The benefit of close observation of the birds, the advantages of feeding them, and teaching them not to fear you, are all factors with the use of this **Dodson Feeding Car**, which can be provisioned at the kitchen or nursery window and slid out to the garden.

The car is made of white pine, and it is 23x15 inches and 11 inches high. It is equipped with drinking cup, wire feeding rack, automatic food hopper and hooks for suet. With this car are furnished 50 feet of galvanized cable and 50 feet of cord.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$7.00.

This house is also made with copper roof at \$8.00, f. o. b. Kankakee.

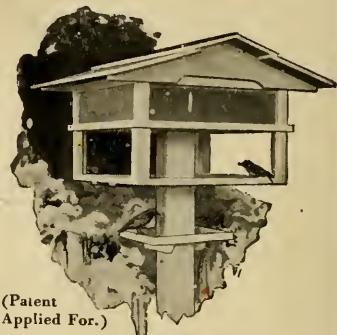
Shipping weight, 10 pounds.



The Dodson Sheltered Food House

Here is the perfect Food House and Shelter, of very attractive design. It is built of clear white pine and has ground glass lights so the birds will not fly against it. It is provided with an 8-foot pole for support, and will draw many birds to your place. The interior equipment of this house is provided with two automatic hoppers, wire feed baskets and hooks for suet. Size is 24x24x18 inches.

(Patent Applied For.)



Dodson Hanging Sheltered Feeding Station

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A very novel, practical and interesting feeding device. Complete ready to hang with two large automatic food baskets.

Price with painted metal roof \$13.00; with copper roof \$16.00 f. o. b. Kankakee, Ill.

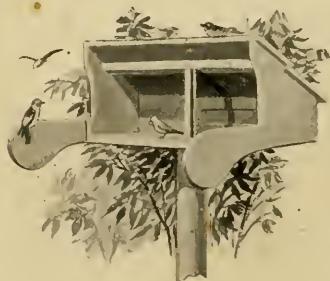
Shipping weight, 40 pounds.



Dodson Window Cafeteria

Window feeding table with adjustable bar and copper apron to fit any window. A most interesting and entertaining Feeding Station. Birds soon become tame and your friends with this table. Complete, ready to put up, equipped with two hoppers for Dodson Grain Mixture. Basket for Dodson Suet Cake and Hooks for suet.

Price \$12.00. With all copper roof \$15.00.



Dodson Automatic Sheltered Feeding Table

Here is an innovation in the way of a Feeding Table, whose shelter is always on the windward side, for it is built on the principle of the weather vane, and rotates with the back of the shelter against the wind, which means that its interior is always dry and affords a perfect shelter that the birds joyfully take to.

I am justly proud of this particular type for I feel that no further improvement on a feeding table shelter is possible. This table is made of white pine and equipped with an 8-foot round, turned pole. Size, 24x22x12 inches.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee \$8.50.

It is also made with a copper roof at \$11.00 f. o. b. Kankakee.

Shipping weight of table, 25 pounds; weight of pole, 25 pounds.

*Patent applied for***The Dodson Cement Bird Bath**

Here is the only practical bird bath, scientifically designed, and one that will be an ornament to any grounds. Even though its purpose be not understood it will prove an ornament by itself. But with birds twittering around it, and using it for the purpose for which it is intended, its value to the place is priceless. It is made of concrete, beautifully cast, with a smooth finish, and will last a life time.

Price of basin without stand, \$14.00. Price of stand without basin, \$14.00. Price, including basin and stand, \$26.00, f. o. b. Kankakee.

Shipping weight 320 pounds.

Tree Guard to Keep the Cats and Squirrels Out of the Trees

In the protection of our native birds all things must be considered, and that little Squirrel, the fellow with usually the harmless reputation, is a mischievous destructive little varmint—that is, as far as the birds are concerned. He will tear down nests, eat the eggs, and kill the fledglings, consequently, I have invented a device that will help to keep them out of the trees where the birds nest and where their houses are put.

For years I have given this subject thought, my idea being to bring out a device that would not only keep the cat, squirrel and other animals out of the trees where your birds are nesting, but would expand with the growth of the tree. Well, here it is! Simple, easy to attach and furnishing protection to the birds and their nests, from cats, and, if put high enough, will usually keep squirrels down.

It can be shipped in any lengths desired to fit the circumference of the different trees.

Price, ready to put up, per lineal foot 50 cents, f. o. b. Kankakee.

*Patent applied for***Dodson Purple Martin Bird Bath**

Popular with all birds, but specially designed for the Purple Martin, which takes its drink as it flies over the surface.

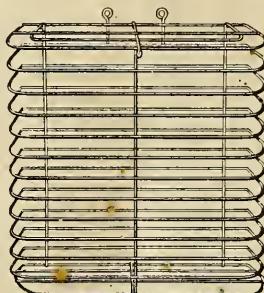
Here is a bird bath that experience has determined to be just the right size. Made of heavy galvanized metal, so that it will last indefinitely. This is an interesting device, and has proven very successful in attracting the birds. It has a wire rolled flange, and size of bath is 34x46 inches, 2 inches deep.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$7.00.

Shipping weight 30 pounds.

Price, made of Cement, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$13.00.

Shipping weight 250 pounds.

*Patent applied for*

The Dodson Food Basket for Birds

Made of tinned wire, electrically welded so that there are no sharp points. Fill the food baskets with Dodson Suet Cake; attach to tree, post or to the side of a building. Set out a dozen of them, leave them out all the year around. Size, 6 inches long, 6 inches wide, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches through.

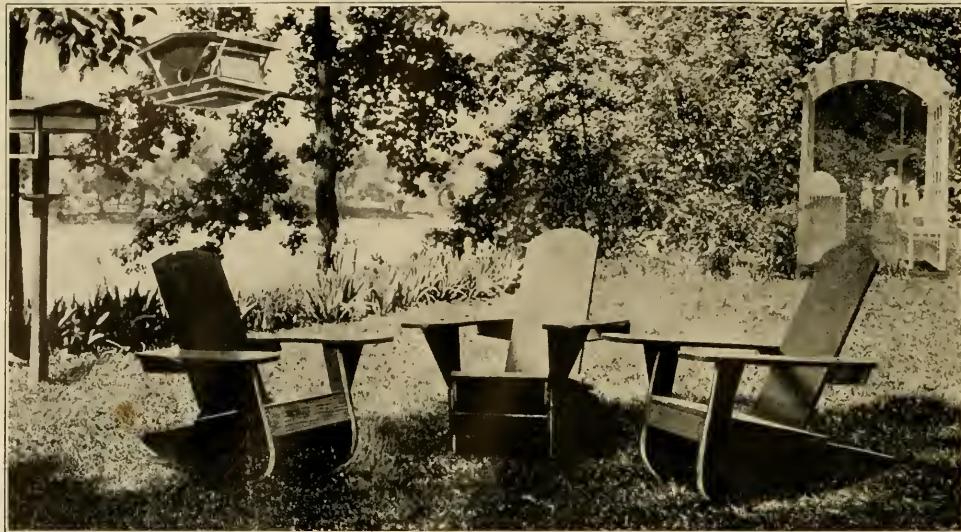
Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, 50c each; \$5.00 per dozen. Shipping weight 6 ounces.

Food to Attract Birds

I know of nothing that attracts the birds as much as my Suet Cake in a Sheltered Feeding Station.

Dodson Suet Cake, the ideal balanced ration for the song birds; made so suet, ground nuts, grain mixture and honey. Price 40c a lb. *Manchurian Sunflower Seed*. Price 25c a lb.

Dodson Grain Mixture for winter feeding of birds. Price 10c a lb.



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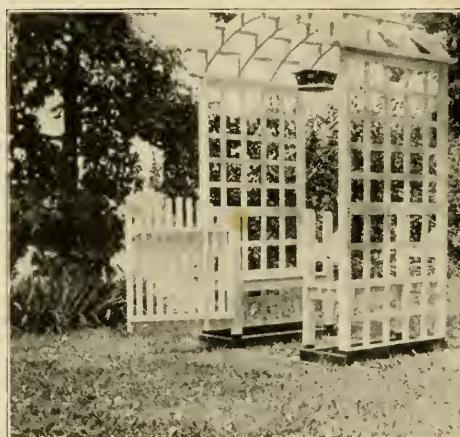
Garden Furniture

This beautiful trellis or arbor is 70 in. wide, 50 in. long, 8 feet high in center, 6 feet high on each side, and comes complete in sections and can be put together in a few minutes, with asphalt covered 3x3 base. Furnished either with gate and one seat or two seats and no gate. Made of cypress, "the wood eternal," which will not warp, shrink or decay, and is painted with two coats of the best white lead and oil.

Price \$85.00, f. o. b. Kankakee.

The trellis has helped transform many barren spaces into spots of charm and beauty.

Happy surroundings tend to convert idle moments into years of pleasant memories.



Nature Study Glasses

I have had so many calls for a Nature Study Glass that I have made a special effort to get one best suited for this work. This glass has been selected from more than one hundred different makes. It is equally good for the mountains, the seashore, the theatre, for identifying birds—or wherever a powerful glass is required.

This grade sells in many of the stores for \$15.00, but the purchase of a very large number enabled me to get a reduction in price, which I am turning over to you.

They have wide angle of view, give a very clear image, and show colors and markings very distinctly. These glasses magnify 3 diameters (9 times); black finish; weight 15 ounces; size 2x3x 4½ inches. Price only \$9 prepaid, includes leather case and strap.



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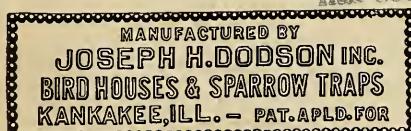
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The first step in protection is:

Banish the English Sparrow

The English Sparrow must go. The bird has wrought a great deal of evil to our country chiefly by its activity in driving away native song birds. I urge you to read the extracts from the U. S. Government Bulletin which are quoted on following pages. The scientists who have had a study of birds in their relation to agriculture and horticulture are all agreed in condemning the sparrow. I believe that the Dodson Sparrow Trap is the simplest and yet the most effective means for fighting this feathered pest. Everywhere in the country these traps are being set out and every one of them is successfully serving its owner by capturing many sparrows. One of the first traps I sold went to a gentleman in Cleveland, and a few days after he received it he wrote me that on the first day it was set out he caught between 75 and 100 sparrows. I have hundreds of letters from other delighted purchasers testifying to the success of the trap.

While I am proud of the good work the Dodson Bird Houses are doing, I am inclined to believe that the Dodson Sparrow Trap is accomplishing more real good for native birds, by its effective service in helping us to get rid of the sparrow, than any other one device I have produced.

If you want to help us in this good work of fighting the sparrow in order to save the song birds of America, set out a Dodson Sparrow Trap. During the cold months when food is scarce you can catch more sparrows than at any other time. The trap works successfully, however, at any season of the year and should be working all the time so long as there are any sparrows about your place.

The Case of the Government Against the English Sparrow

Extracts from Farmers' Bulletin, 493 U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"The English Sparrow among birds, like the rat among mammals, is cunning, destructive and filthy. Its natural diet consists of seeds, but it eats a great variety of other foods.

"As a flock of 50 sparrows requires daily the equivalent of a quart of wheat, the annual loss caused by these birds throughout the country is very great. It reduces the number of some of our most useful and attractive native birds, as Bluebirds, House Wrens, Purple Martins, Tree Swallows, Cliff Swallows and Barn Swallows by destroying their eggs and young and by usurping nesting places. It attacks other familiar species, as the Robin, Wren, Red-Eyed Vireo, Cat Bird, and Mocking Bird, causing them to desert parks and shady streets of towns. Unlike our native birds whose place it usurps, it has no song, but is noisy and vituperative. It defiles buildings and ornamental trees, shrubs and vines with its excrement and with its bulky nests.

"The evidence against the English Sparrow is, on the whole, overwhelming, and the present unfriendly attitude of the public towards it is reflected in our State laws. Nowhere is it included among protected birds.

"Although English Sparrows are widely distributed as a species, individuals and flocks have an extremely narrow range, each flock occupying one locality to which its activities are chiefly confined. This fact is favorable to their extermination, for when a place has once been cleared of sparrows some time elapses before it is reoccupied. This tendency to remain on special territory was well shown during a recent experiment with a flock in a small city garden. During the fall, steady trap-

ping reduced the resident flock in the garden to a dozen individuals, 274 birds having been trapped. The survivors were poisoned. Though another flock lived in the street just beyond the fence, the garden was sparrow-free for three months. In the following spring a few sparrows appeared, but were soon trapped. After this the garden continued throughout the summer without a resident flock, and only rarely was it visited by sparrows from other parts of the neighborhood.

AIDING NATIVE BIRDS AGAINST THE ENGLISH SPARROW

"One of the greatest objections to the English Sparrow is its aggressive antagonism towards the small native birds, especially those familiar species which, like itself, build their nests in cavities. Nest boxes provided for Bluebirds, Martins or Wrens—birds both useful and pleasing—too often fall into the possession of this graceless alien. Fortunately, it is possible to aid the native birds by selecting suitable nesting boxes.

ENGLISH SPARROWS AS FOOD

"In most localities in the United States, English Sparrows are a pest. There is, therefore, no reason why the birds should not be utilized for food in this country, as they have in the Old World for centuries. Their flesh is palatable, and though their bodies are small, their numbers fully compensate for their lack of size. Birds that have been trapped may be kept alive in large outdoor cages, sheltered from storms and cold winds, until they are wanted for the table. It is unprofitable to keep them long, however, as the quantity of grain or food they require daily amounts to more than half their own weight. A variety of food is necessary to

keep them in good condition. Bread, oats, wheat, bran and corn meal, lettuce, cabbage and tender shoots of spring grain are some of the things they relish. A supply of clean water is essential.

"To kill mercifully a sparrow that has been trapped, place the thumb nail at the base of its skull and dislocate its neck by hard and quick pressure. To dress it, cut off the legs and wings at the outer joint, and the neck close to the body; strip off the skin, beginning at the neck; make a cut through the body wall extending from the neck along the backbone till the ribs are severed, then around the legs to the tail, and remove the viscera. If sparrows are to be broiled, save only the breasts, as this method of cooking so shrivels and parches the lesser parts as to render them worthless. In this case tear off a strip of skin from wing to wing across the back; grasp the wings, in front of the body, in one hand and the neck in the other, and by a quick pull separate the breast from the ribs; turn the breast out of

the skin that covers it, and sever the wings at the second joint. The whole operation requires but a fraction of a minute, and it can be done by the fingers alone.

"Sparrows may be cooked by any of the methods employed for Reedbirds or Quail. When boned, broiled, buttered and served on toast, they are particularly good and compare favorably with the best kind of small game.

SUMMARY

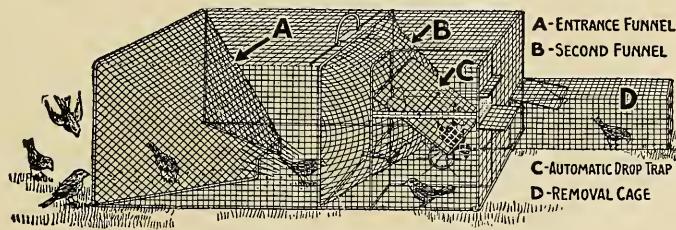
"English Sparrows are abundant in most of the towns in the United States and in many suburban districts. They are noisy, filthy and destructive. They drive native birds from villages and homesteads. Practicable methods of dealing with them include destruction of nests, shooting, trapping and poisoning. Of these, trapping is unquestionably the best. English Sparrows are good to eat, and their use as food is recommended because of their nutritive value and as a means of reducing their number."

THE DODSON SPARROW TRAP, illustrated and described below, is catching thousands of sparrows all over this country. Will you help?

The Dodson Sparrow Trap

The most successful device ever invented for getting rid of the most persistent pest that we ever brought upon ourselves is the FAMOUS DODSON IMPROVED SPARROW TRAP.

This trap will positively rid your place of Sparrows. It is made of heavy tinned wire, with all joints electrically welded, giving it sufficient strength to withstand the hardest usage and will last for years. Trap is in continuous operation and requires no setting, other than baiting.



Dodson Sparrow Trap, U. S. Patent No. 836.829

Price
\$8.00

It is equipped with a removable cage, which makes the taking out of captives easy. The construction of the trap is simple, the principle is based on a one-way funnel entrance, including patent needle points, from which egress is impossible, and through the improved tipping car. I think the efficiency of my trap has been made 100%.

Hundreds of testimonials attest the success of the Dodson Sparrow Trap. Size, 36 by 18 by 12 inches.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, complete with removable cage, \$8.00.

Shipping weight, 22 pounds.

Write for my booklet "Our Native Birds' Worst Foe" and read what others say who have been successful with this wonderful trap. It gives other facts about this bird and recipes for cooking, etc.

"TRAP DOING GREAT WORK ON THE FARM"

The Sparrow Trap on my farm is certainly doing great work. Up to date we have caught something like 250 of the "little sinners," and that is not all of it. The uncaught ones are so fearful that there is some hidden danger on my place that they fight shy of it, although three or four daily find what I want them to.—R. T. Stanton, Chicago, Ill.

Cats and Squirrels

Most of us who study the birds know that the cat is a constant menace—a sly and dangerous enemy to our dear little friends. Those people who keep cats do not, I am sure, realize the fact that the inborn desire to kill is present in every cat, and that wherever birds and cats are together the birds are in constant danger. If you have birds about your place, you should do all you can to protect them against the hunting expeditions of stray cats.

In some country places the squirrels are a menace to native birds. If your houses are built of the right material and properly hung, the squirrels do not bother the birds very much.

When it is found that they do get to the birds' houses, it is very easy to place some of my tree guards (see page 21) around the trees from which the houses are hung; this serves to keep the cats from climbing up, and will usually keep the squirrels down.

In Evanston, for a number of years, there was a penalty attached to the killing of squirrels. We learned, however, to our sorrow, that the squirrels were destroying our bird's nests and were causing our song birds to leave us. I caused this law protecting the squirrels to be repealed, and we soon noticed the increase in the number of our song birds. We know that the birds are worth more than the squirrels.

Cats Murder Millions of Birds Each Year

Cats destroy millions of native birds in this country every year. Well known authorities agree that cats kill more birds than are killed by all other animals combined. Native birds are absolutely necessary to us as destroyers of insect life.

The cat is the greatest enemy of our native birds. The evil work of the cat is greater than most people will believe possible. A cat in the country or around a garden where birds sometimes gather will catch from 50 to 100 song birds each year. You who own cats won't believe this, but it is true, as I know from observation and from the testimony of other students of bird life. The number of birds slaughtered by one average country cat is certainly as high as 50 a year.

Now, there are 250,853 farms in the State of Illinois. There is an average of one cat to a farm, I am sure. I know of one farm where fourteen cats are kept, another where there are ten. Suppose we cut that number of birds killed by each cat down to ten a year—less than one-fifth of what it really is—that would discover to us a loss of 2,508,530 song birds a year in the State of Illinois alone—no account being taken of the little birds dying in the nest after the cat has eaten their mother. In one state alone, 2,508,530 beautiful, useful, insect-destroying native birds a year! Think of it!

The Dodson Cat Trap

Only those who have had trouble with pesky cats around the premises will fully appreciate the DODSON CAT TRAP. It is absolutely guaranteed to catch every cat around the place if operated according to directions.

By changing the bait, this Dodson Trap can be made to catch Squirrels, Rabbits, Skunks and other animals.

This trap is built of clear, white pine. Size 29 by 18 by 9 inches.

Price, f. o. b. Kankakee, \$7.00.

Trap is also metal lined for Squirrels, Rabbits, Skunks and other animals, at \$9.00, f. o. b. Kankakee.

Shipping weight, 20 pounds.

My booklet entitled "The Truth about the cat" is full of interesting facts about these "bird fiends," as I call them.



Dodson Cat Trap, Price \$7.00

DODSON DELUXE MARTIN HOUSE

90 SEPARATE ROOMS

This is the newest and finest Martin House ever marketed. It has the special ventilated attic and is built of everlasting cypress and redwood with copper roof. Painted with two coats of white and green trim. Height of house 62 inches. Price including 22 foot easy raising and lowering pole of 6 inch diameter. Price F. O. B. Kankakee \$150.00,

DODSON BIRD STAKES

These very decorative stakes are both useful to support tall plants and shrubs and ornamental to the garden. The birds are actual size and hand painted in natural colors on both sides with oil paint.

Cardinal

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Scarlet
Tanager

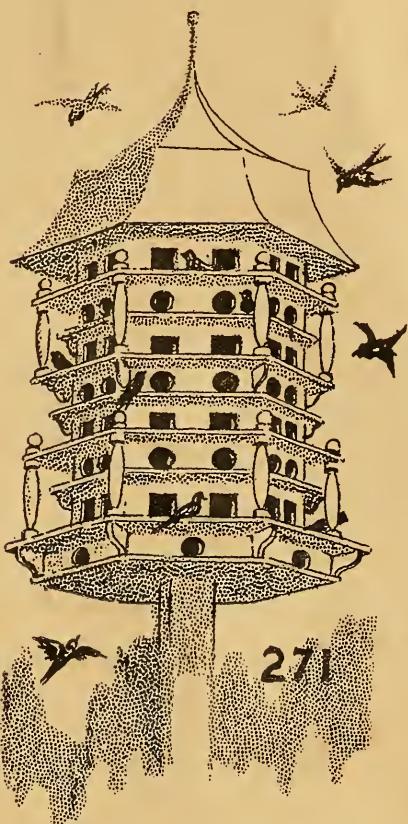
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Blue Bird

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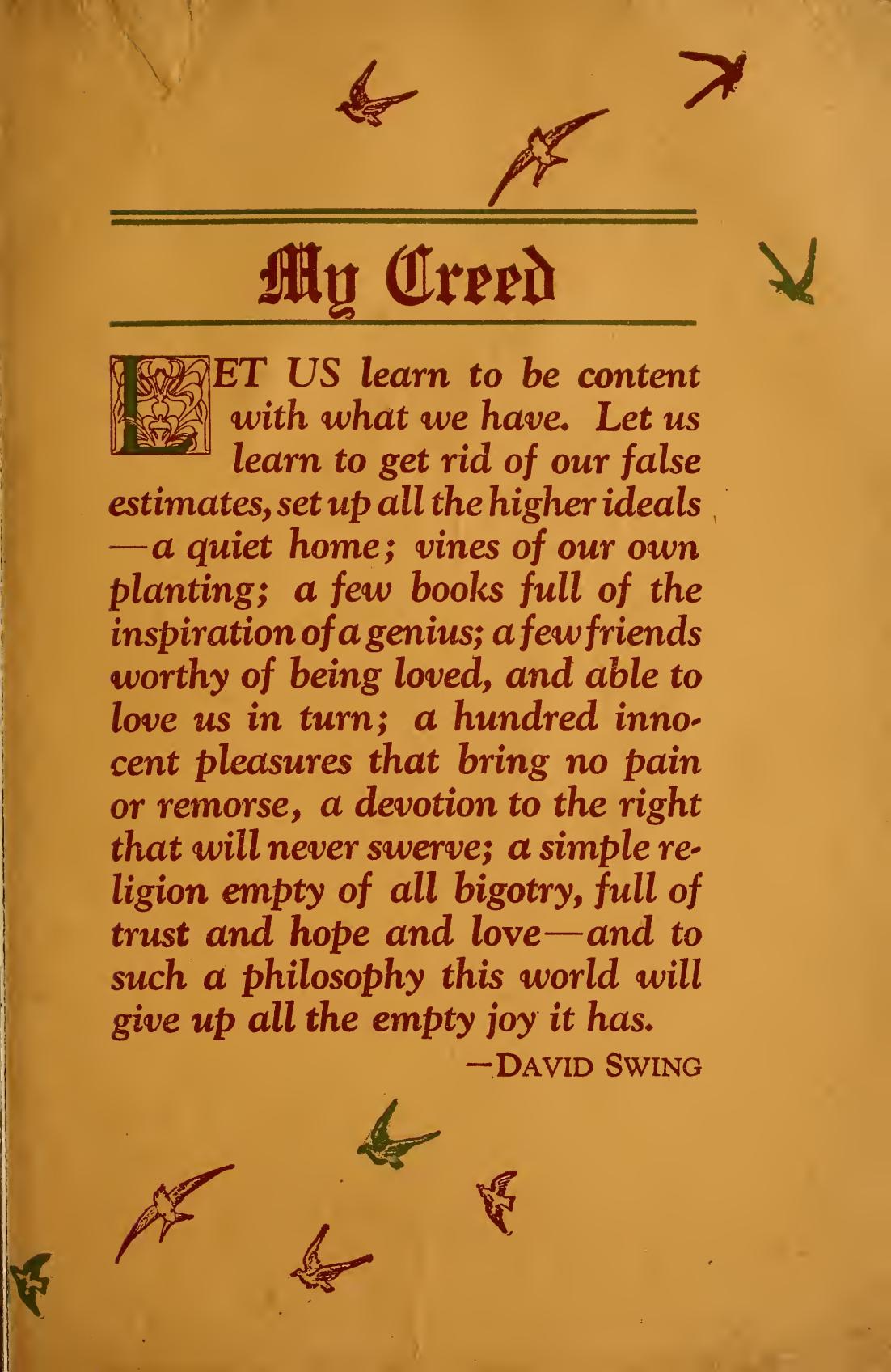


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Stakes 42 inches long solidly fasten
to birds. Price 85c each. Set of
seven \$5.00 F.O.B. Kankakee.







My Creed

LET US learn to be content with what we have. Let us learn to get rid of our false estimates, set up all the higher ideals — a quiet home; vines of our own planting; a few books full of the inspiration of a genius; a few friends worthy of being loved, and able to love us in turn; a hundred innocent pleasures that bring no pain or remorse, a devotion to the right that will never swerve; a simple religion empty of all bigotry, full of trust and hope and love—and to such a philosophy this world will give up all the empty joy it has.

—DAVID SWING

